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Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

In Subdistrict 4-A, commercial fishing will be open for one 6-day fishing period from 6:00 p.m. Monday, August 27, until 6:00 p.m. Sunday, September 2. Gillnets will be restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh.

The preliminary cumulative commercial harvest for Subdistrict 4-A through August 24 is 271 fall chum salmon.

For the entire Subdistrict 4-A, no Chinook salmon can be sold during this commercial opening. Fishermen can release live Chinook salmon or use them for subsistence purposes. Chinook salmon caught but not sold must be reported on fish tickets. All salmon harvested during commercial fishing operations must be recorded on a fish ticket at the time of sale. Salmon harvested and not sold should be recorded on the fish ticket as "not sold". Commercial fishermen should confirm their market prior to commercial fishing.

In Subdistrict 4-A, subsistence salmon fishing is currently open 7 days per week. Use of drift gillnets to harvest fall chum salmon is allowed in that portion of Subdistrict 4-A from Stink Creek upstream to Cone Point during open subsistence fishing periods.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320 or the Fairbanks ADF&G office at 459-7274.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.